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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Establishment of ADP Resource Allocations
for Services from OJCS/DD/M&S

REFERENCE: Draft memorandum from DD/M&S to DD/S&T, et al.,
Same subject

1. OEL feels fully supportive of the basic thrust of the OJCS effort to, for the first time, control Agency computer resources. As the initial allocation for FY 74 it appears not unreasonable to utilize the same level of activity as that of FY 73, Agency-wide.

2. With regard to the control point for transfers within each of the five major categories, there are pros and cons as to whether this should best be done at the OJCS level or within the Directorates. Presumably it is necessary, from OJCS's point of view, to forbid transferring between major categories.

3. With the obvious recommendation from OJCS that control be established at the Directorate level, this Office recommends strongly that the DD/S&T Staff be the official focal point within the Directorate for reallocation within categories between Offices.

4. The reference mentions performance reports on a monthly basis, and it is presumed that these will be automatically distributed by OJCS.

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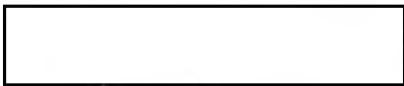
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5. The difficult job lies in establishing criteria for authorizing within the Directorate requests for reallocations. Some attempt should be made at defining these criteria prior to the implementation of such a control system. As always, it would be assumed that OJCS would keep a "kitty" to hedge against valid requests at their level which exceed the original allocations to each Directorate. Accordingly, the same assumption, from this Office's point of view, would apply to the DD/S&T initial allocations. The reserve account mentioned in the reference specifically to be used for rerun of batch processing at ten percent of the total amount would presumably be a separate "kitty".

6. As also mentioned in the reference, there are some specific questions which arise that need to be solved, probably by an ad hoc staff to work out the decisions of the Management Committee. One of these questions would be that of time delays sometimes amounting to 30 or 40 minutes in getting response to questions from remote terminals. Would this computer time be charged to the Office involved? Another example of a problem area would be whenever the system is changed and the job control language is modified to include this change without notification reaching the user. This causes use or loss of time by being rejected from batch processing because of improper addressing.

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